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H. RES. 255

Congratulating the Florida A&M University “Marching 100” Band for all of its accomplishments, including its performance in the Super Bowl XLI halftime show.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2007

Mr. TOWNS (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. BOYD of Florida, and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Florida A&M University “Marching 100” Band for all of its accomplishments, including its performance in the Super Bowl XLI halftime show.

Whereas in the 40 Super Bowls prior to Super Bowl XLI no National Football League (NFL) team that played in the Super Bowl had an African-American head coach;

Whereas on February 4, 2007, in Miami, Florida, the Chicago Bears, coached by Lovie Smith, and the Indianapolis Colts, coached by Tony Dungy, competed in Super Bowl XLI, making history for the National Football League;

Whereas the Florida A&M University “Marching 100” band enhanced the significance of Super Bowl XLI by rep-

representing the talent of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) during their halftime show performance with one of the world's most popular and influential musicians, Prince, who is also an African American;

Whereas Super Bowl XLI was the fourth Super Bowl performance of the Florida A&M University "Marching 100", which appeared as a solo halftime performer in Super Bowl III and Super Bowl V, and performed during the pre-game show in Super Bowl XXXIX;

Whereas the Florida A&M University "Marching 100" Band was organized in 1892 under the tutelage of P.A. Van Weller from a meager store of 16 instruments and under the leadership of the legendary Dr. William P. Foster, the "Marching 100" flourished making a name for themselves around the world;

Whereas the Florida A&M University "Marching 100" Band is now under the visionary and passionate leadership of Dr. Julian E. White;

Whereas in 1985 the Florida A&M University "Marching 100" Band was awarded the Sudler Trophy, the highest honor a collegiate marching band can receive;

Whereas the Florida A&M University "Marching 100" Band was the fourth band in the nation, the first southern band, the first HBCU band, and the first and only band in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference to receive the award, which is considered by many to be the "Heisman Trophy for college bands";

Whereas the Florida A&M University "Marching 100" Band has appeared on television over 30 times, including during halftime performances, has participated in the 1984

Summer Olympic games, has been the subject of feature segments on 20/20, 60 Minutes, P.M. Magazine, and has appeared in three commercials;

Whereas other notable performances by the band include the 1989 French Bicentennial Bastille Day Parade, two Presidential inauguration parades, and the 48th Grammy Awards; and

Whereas the Florida A&M University “Marching 100” Band lives by the motto: “Perfection in music, highest quality of character, and precision in marching”, and continues to be a role model of excellence for bands across the country and a great representative of the HBCU community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
 2 gratulates Dr. Castell Bryant who is the interim president
 3 of the Florida A&M University “Marching 100” Band, Dr.
 4 Julian E. White who is the director of such band, the
 5 “Marching 100” band staff, Head Drum Major Shaun
 6 West, Band President Chandler Wilson, and the members
 7 of the “Marching 100” for all of their accomplishments
 8 and for their halftime show participation in the historic
 9 Super Bowl XLI.

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